

REMARKS

The above-identified application was allowed in a Notice of Allowance mailed March 28, 2006. The issue fee has not been paid.

Applicants filed an Amendment in this application on December 27, 2005, in which Applicants listed claim 20 in the "Amendments to the Claims" section as having a status identifier of "Original". In Applicants' Remarks, however, claim 20 was inadvertently identified as being cancelled. See page 11 of the December 27, 2005 Amendment. Apparently, as a result of this oversight, the Notice of Allowance did not list claim 20 as one of the claims allowed in this application.

Upon discovering the inconsistency with regard to claim 20 in the December 27, 2005 Amendment, the Examiner was contacted on April 7, 2006, and was mistakenly requested to cancel claim 20 by Examiner's Amendment, to which the Examiner obliged. Applicants have not yet received the Examiner's Amendment.

Claim 20, however, should not have been canceled. It was not listed as a cancelled claim in the "Amendments to the Claims" section of Applicants' December 27, 2005 Amendment. Moreover, Applicants requested that claim 20 be allowed at page 14 of the Amendment.

The undersigned contacted the Examiner May 1, 2006, to inform him of the inadvertent cancellation claim 20, and the Examiner suggested that Applicants file an amendment adding a new claim corresponding to claim 20 and pointing out how the error arose. Applicants gratefully appreciate the courtesy extended by the Examiner in discussing this matter with the undersigned.

In light of the Examiner's suggested course of action, Applicants propose to add new claim 48, which recites the same language as claim 20. But for the addition of new

claim 48, this Amendment After Allowance does not contain any other claim amendments, and thus does not raise any new issues. Upon entry of this Amendment After Allowance, claims 1-19, 29-37, and 48 will be pending. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and timely issuance of a Supplemental Notice of Allowability.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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